

FISH RECEIPTS VERY MEAGRE.

Two Trips For Splitters and Three Pollockers.

The week here ends with very few fishing arrivals. The pollock fleet yesterday did nothing, owing to the fact that the northeast wind kicked up a pretty choppy sea and the crafts which were up to the westward saw no fish. Three which were down off Thacher's island succeeded in getting in a few fish.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, from down east, put in here this morning with 40,000 pounds of fresh fish and will go to Boston tomorrow to market her catch Monday morning.

Sch. Mary DeCosta is here from Boston with a few fish to split and the pollockers in are steamers Bessie M. Dugan and Joppaite and sch. Charles A. Dyer.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, shore, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, via Boston, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 35,000 lbs. pollock.

Steamer Joppaite, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 13,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Albert W. Black, Portland.

Sch. Morning Star, south seining.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 7 cts. per lb. for white and 6 cts. for gray.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.

Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived Today.

Sch. Omaha, Boston, to load salt for the eastward.

Sch. James S. Malloy, Bangor for Pawtucket.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Tacoma passed north by Hawkesbury, C. B., on Wednesday.

Sch. Colonial was at Hawkesbury, C. B., on Wednesday.

Sch. Monitor was at Canso, N. S., on Wednesday.

Schs. Colonial and Orinoco passed north by Mulgrave, N. S., on Wednesday.

Capt. Joseph Graham will now fit sch. Grace Otis for pollock seining and later will take up mackerel seining.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish arrivals were fairly numerous on Thursday, but all the trips were small with one exception. The fares reported were: Lochinvar, 40,000 of mixed fish; Carrie and Mildred, 5000 pounds of mixed fish; Vinal Tibbetts, 2000 pounds of mixed fish; Nellie F. York, 10,000 pounds of pollock, and Alice G., 10,000 pounds of pollock.

Sch. Lochinvar came in Thursday from a four days' trip to the eastward with a fare of over 40,000 pounds of fish, mostly hake and cusk. With the exception of what is brought in by the boat fishermen but few cod or haddock are coming in at present, and prices for those fish are unusually high for the season of the year.

WANTS 'FREE' FISH.

Congressman Alexander Says Gloucester Gets Too Much.

Congressman Alexander of New York wants free fish. He is very outspoken in his opinion, and insists there ought to be reciprocity between the United States and Canada. He says up his way, Buffalo, they want reciprocity more than they do in New England, and he hopes Congress will pass a message to this effect.

Continuing, Mr. Alexander says:

"We must have free fish." It is high time that the people of the United States stopped taxing themselves for the benefit of a few Gloucester fishermen. And we are going to have free fish whether Massachusetts likes it or not. We are all of us heartily tired of this attitude of New England which wants everything to be free that comes into its borders and the highest protection put on all it sends out in the way of manufactures. There is a tax on fish when prepared in the least, even iced. The labor of Gloucester fishermen would thus be protected. But Massachusetts cannot have everything and must let the country have a fling or two of its own. So I say we want free fish."

A DOG FISH SUGGESTION.

The skins of fishes are tanned in England and made into shoe leather and shoe lacings. The supply which comes from Norway is not equal to the demand. This may suggest to the Yankee fisherman a use for the dogfish hide for which there is practically no use now.—Taunton Gazette.

THE PROBLEM OF THE SHORT LOBSTER Legislature Again Approves Measures For an Investigation.

The disappearance of the lobster has become a matter of government concern. So serious is the condition which confronts the lobstermen that the fish and game commissioners have been called upon by the legislature to give a reason.

As a result the senate has passed a resolve calling upon the commission to investigate. The house passed it along to a third reading. It was opposed by 31 members, most of them from the uplands of the mid-counties, while the men from the coast sections were practically unanimous in its favor.

It is pointed out that the lobster supply now comes almost wholly from Maine and Nova Scotia, with the bulk of the crustaceans hailing from the latter place. The estuaries and coves along the Massachusetts coast where in the festive shellfish was wont to gambol until ensnared in the pot of some morose beach dweller are, according to the men behind the resolve, now barren of them. It is pointed out, moreover, that the few that now remain are only infants too young or too irresponsible to raise families, and that it is only a question when the lobster will join the dodo and the allaloo bird in the veiled land behind the curtain of extinction.

The advocates of the resolve declare that the water off the Massachusetts coast is as good as ever, but that something growing in it is not. The commissioners declare that the lobstermen themselves have decapitated the crustaceans that laid the golden eggs. The fishermen say the

Commissioners Have Made So Much Noise

over a few short lobsters that might be taken that they have frightened the revenue producers off the shore and

that Nova Scotia is now sending Massachusetts lobsters to Boston.

All parties to the controversy are satisfied, however, to permit the commissioners to study the subject and to report some plan of re-establishing the industry, although the fishermen are not prepared to say that they will accept the findings of the board without a great deal of questioning.

The investigation will be one of the most thorough ever conducted, so far as the lobster is concerned. It will include a study of the habits of the lobster when at home, an inspection of his food, a search for his enemies and the easiest method of thwarting the latter in his assaults and of furnishing the shell-fish with a bounteous and never-failing supply of eatables.

The subject of lobster propagation will also be gone into thoroughly, and as this has always been a real problem to piscatorial scientists a desperate effort is to be made to solve it. No great amount of success has attended previous efforts in this direction, but the commission is now of the opinion that the future of the industry will depend almost wholly on the artificially propagated lobster, and for that reason this phrase of the subject is to be given a great deal of attention in the forthcoming investigation.

The Effect Upon the Industry.

of the wholesale business that is done in short lobsters along the coast, especially at the beaches, will be gone into very carefully, and the evidence arranged in such conclusive way that the aid of the lobstermen themselves may be enlisted to wipe out the traffic.

The investigation will also go into the mercantile features of the lobster trade, and the commission will report upon the methods now pursued in selling broken lobsters or lobster meat, this latter including the short lobster trade and the canned lobster of the delicatessen.

This phase of the investigation is to be along the line of benefit to the public health, rather than with any idea of restoring the industry to its one-time profitability, but the fish and game commission declares that this phase of the matter is fully as important as the other.

The investigation, under the resolve, will be carried on through most of the summer, and the report will be made to the legislature of next winter.

Dogfish Bothering the Fishermen.

Dogfish are troubling the fishermen and making their catches small just at the time when prices are good and fish in demand. Capt. Simon Landry of the A. C. Newhall, who fished off the Isles of Shoals, found groundfish fairly plenty, but the dogfish cleaned the trawls so that he felt pleased that he was able to save the 3000 pounds of haddock, 1000 pounds of cod, 500 pounds of pollock, 500 pounds of hake and 500 pounds of cusk he brought to the market Saturday morning.

Capt. Fred Quinlan of the Seaconnet had almost the same trial out on Jeffreys bank, where he also found fishing good, but the dogfish were so numerous and so ravenous that he was glad to save 2000 pounds of haddock, 3000 pounds of cod, 500 pounds of pollock, 3000 pounds of hake and 500 pounds of cusk out of the large quantity of fish the men took on their trawls, but which the dogfish spoiled by biting pieces out of them.

Freak Lobster.

A fish dealer of St. John, N. B., had a freak lobster on exhibition last week. It resembles others of its kind in the window, save for its claws, one of which is regular, but the other is quite extraordinary, having two extra prongs between the "strong" and the "thin" claws. Instead of having teeth between, this unique crustacean is armed with two forks or claws, one of which is quite large. It will probably be presented to the Natural History Society.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Monitor sailed from Hawkesbury, C. B., last Friday for the fishing grounds.

Fresh Halibut Sale.

The fare of fresh halibut of sch. Cavalier sold to the American Halibut Co. at 6¢ cents per pound for white and 3¢ cents per pound for gray.

POLLOCKERS GET SEA HERRING.

Sch. Cavalier Has 60,000 Pound Fare of Halibut.

There has been but one offshore arrival here since Saturday morning, sch. Calavier, Capt. Robert B. Proper, coming in here yesterday forenoon from the fishing grounds handy to the island of Anticosti, with a big trip, 60,000 pounds of halibut on which a big stock and share will be made.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney is at this port with 20,000 pounds of shore market fish and sch. Fish Hawk came up from Portland, where she landed her fresh halibut fare, to fit out again for Georges.

Saturday afternoon and yesterday, the pollockers struck good fishing and nearly 20 trips were landed, the catches ranging from 6000 to 49,000 pounds, many being above the 25,000 pound mark. Some of the pollock seiners also struck sea herring off here yesterday and about 100 barrels were taken in four lots, some went for bait, at a good price, and the balance went to salt.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Cavalier, Anticosti, 40,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Fish Hawk, via Portland.
Steamer Angella B. Nickerson, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Minella, 2000 lbs. pollock, 25 bbls. herring.
Steamer Bryda F., 28,000 lbs. pollock, 20 bbls. herring.
Sch. Charles A. Dyer, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, shore, 49,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Pet, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock, 41 bbls. herring.
Steamer Independence, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Little Fannie, shore.
Sch. Reliance, shore, 30,000 lbs. pollock, 11 bbls. herring.
Steamer Elthier, shore, 25,000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. Freedom, shore, 12,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Nomad, 40,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Herbert and Emma, shore, 6000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bryda F., shore.
Steamer Mascot, shore, 10,000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Dixie, south netting.
Sch. Cynthia, south seining.
Sch. Leo, shore.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, Boston.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, south seining.
Sch. Teazer, halibuting.
Sch. Moonam, south seining.

Today's Fish Market.

Bank halibut, 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ c per lb., for white and 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ c for gray.
Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt., dressed pollock, 75 cts.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c. for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

MORE MACKEREL AT NEW YORK.

Two Seiners and Twenty-One Netters Have Small Fares.

Two seiners are at New York this morning, each with small fares and in company with them are 21 of the netting fleet with fares ranging from 270 to 3000 fish in count, 13 of the fares going over the 1000 mark. Sch. Massasoit is high boat with 3000 large fish in count.

The vessels and their catches are as follows:

Sch. Judique landed nine barrels of large fresh mackerel at Delaware breakwater Saturday and sch. Electric Flash landed 10 barrels at the same place the same day. Both were shipped to New York.

The mackerel at New York Saturday sold for 30 cents each and all were cleaned up quickly.

Seiners at New York.

Sch. Terra Nova, 3500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Diana, 1200 large fresh mackerel.

Netters at New York.

Sch. Maud Gertrude, 300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Cherokee, 1500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. A. M. Hamilton, 450 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Theresa, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Conquest, 1300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Dorcas, 1200 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lafayette, 500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. W. H. Reed, 1600 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. On Time, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Eliza Benner, 1400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Julietta, 2400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lief Erickson, 1300 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Klondike, 1000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 1500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Golden Eagle, 400 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Gracie Freeman, 500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. E. H. Smeed, 1500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Olive May, 700 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Clara E., 500 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Massasoit, 3000 large fresh mackerel.

Sch. Lear C., 1300 large fresh mackerel.

Seiners at Delaware Breakwater Saturday.

Sch. Electric Flash, 10 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Judique, 9 barrels fresh mackerel.

One Fare at Newport.

At Newport, R. I., yesterday one lot of 568 large fresh mackerel were landed, the fare being bought by Fred Hart and shipped to Boston, the price paid being 35 cents.

Mackerel Reported Off Gull Rock.

A telegram to the Times from its Liverpool, N. S., correspondent states that sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon, Capt. Charles Flygore, arrived there Saturday and reported sighting two big schools of mackerel about 35 miles south from Gull Rock. The weather was fine. This is the second report which has come here of schools of mackerel nearing the Cape Shore and many are of the opinion that the fish will strike on there early.

French Bankers at St. Pierre.

A number of the French boats have only recently come out to St. Pierre from France. Some of the captains of these craft in port state that the fishing on the banks is none too good. A few vessels have made fair catches, but most of them have not fared too generously.

TRAWLER SPRAY HAS BIG TRIP.

Has Fare of 85,000 Pounds, Most of Which Are Haddock.

There are 14 arrivals at T wharf this morning. Some have large fares, but hake and cusk predominate in them and for these the market is not particularly anxious. The steam trawler Spray has again appeared at the psychological moment with a big fare, 85,000 pounds, mostly haddock and will get another monster stock.

The craft had 82,000 pounds of haddock selling at \$4.10 per hundred weight. Outside of this fare, all the others in have less than 10,000 pounds all told, of haddock.

There is quite a good bunch of cod in and schs. Alcina and Mina Swin from drifting with 25,000 and 45,000 pounds respectively, will fare well.

Schs. Matiana, Elizabeth W. Nunan, Sadie M. Nunan, Eva and Mildred, Robert and Arthur, Richard J. Nunan and Flavilla, with from 34,000 to 90,000 pounds and their fares are about all hake and cusk.

Haddock are selling at from \$4.10 to \$4.80; large cod, \$4 to \$5 and market cod \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2 and pollock, \$1.50; with cusk at \$1.25.

The receipts and prices in detail this morning were:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Matiana, 5000 cod, 55,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 14,000 cod, 22,000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 6000 cod, 33,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 9000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 4000 cod, 27,000 hake, 3000 cusk.
Sch. Robert and Arthur, 10,000 cod, 60,000 hake, 20,000 cusk.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 5000 cod.
Sch. Emily Sears, 8000 cod.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 3000 cod, 55,000 hake, 10,000 cusk.
Sch. Flavilla, 3000 cod, 50,000 hake, 6000 cusk.
Sch. Beulah Maud, 500 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Alcina, 25,000 cod.
Sch. Mina Swin, 42,000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Steamer Spray, 82,000 haddock, 1800 cod, 1000 pollock.
Haddock, \$4.10 to \$4.80 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$2; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.50.

Steam Trawler Spray Saved Boston Fish Market Supply.

Capt. Michael Green of the otter trawler Spray, yesterday saved the market for the third time recently. Up to the time the Spray arrived yesterday morning, it looked as if there would not be haddock enough to go around. In the vessels at T wharf there were only 23,000 pounds of haddock, and what came over the road did not add enough to that to give each dealer 1000 pounds of haddock.

The Spray comes regularly, and one of her landing days is Monday, and there were many anxious eyes watching the harbor for her. About 8.30 she was seen coming in, and there was a general rush for the exchange to be ready for her fish, and when Capt. Green announced that he had 62,000 pounds of haddock, 2000 pounds of cod, 500 pounds of pollock, 20,000 pounds of scrod and 5500 pounds of sole, there was great rejoicing.

Capt. Green has made big catches with the Spray lately, and on his last coming, a week ago, brought in 120,000 pounds of fish, and on each occasion he came in when the market was badly in need of haddock. These big trips pay his crew well. The men fish on a regular salary, and get a percentage over a certain amount, so that their earnings increase according to the increase in the catch.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Grayling was at North Sydney, C. B., last week and sailed later on her flitching trip.

Capt. Joseph E. Graham is fitting sch. Grace Otis for pollock seining.

Schs. Nokomis, Valentina and Catherine D. Enos are fitting for swordfishing.